

## House Resolution 330

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives and memory of Tom Foster, Jr., and Joyce Pruitt Foster; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished couples  
4 with the unexpected passing of Tom Foster, Jr., and Joyce Pruitt Foster on February 7, 2019;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Tom Foster, Jr., was born on December 17, 1935, in Lenoir City, Tennessee,  
7 a beloved son of Tom, Sr., and Willie Foster; and Joyce Pruitt Foster was born on May 27,  
8 1936, to Howard Young, Sr., and Arie Pruitt; and

9 WHEREAS, known as "Coach Tom" throughout Fannin County, Tom began his teaching  
10 and coaching career at West Fannin High School in 1958, where he amassed an impressive  
11 coaching record, and was inducted into the Halls of Fame for both Fannin County and Lenoir  
12 City; and

13 WHEREAS, a couple of deep and abiding faith, they spent innumerable hours worshipping  
14 and volunteering at First Baptist Church of McCaysville; and

15 WHEREAS, Tom gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
16 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
17 family and friends were admired by others; and

18 WHEREAS, Joyce was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
19 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made  
20 of her life, she made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous couple, Tom and Joyce Pruitt Foster will long  
22 be remembered for their love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by  
23 all who had the great fortune of knowing them.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body join in honoring the lives and memory of Tom Foster, Jr., and  
26 Joyce Pruitt Foster and express the deepest and most sincere regret at their passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
29 family of Tom Foster, Jr., and Joyce Pruitt Foster.